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Report from the President to ILA Members

The 66th annual conference of ILA is over, but with the wonderful participation which took place, the demonstrated willingness to air one's own grievances and ideas, as well as the willingness to listen to the other fellow's, the effects should go on for some time. We sincerely hope this is so, for together we can study, plan and grow in service to our local communities and the state.

Stillman Taylor and Dorothy Lykins set the theme for the conference in their talks on the history of ILA and ILTA, as well as the progress that has been made, sometimes over a long period. Too, they pointed up areas of misinformation and misunderstanding which were to be discussed in group meetings.

Fourteen groups discussed under good leadership the five problems outlined (see following pages). Summaries were then presented and many specific ideas emerged. These have been listed in detail and placed in the hands of the Executive Board for consideration and a later report to you.

A popular experiment from the 1956 conference was continued in a Book Selection Breakfast when almost 100 persons gathered around tables to discuss technical, paperbacks, and other types of books, as well as general book selection policies, with direction from the In-Service Education Committee.

A new informal group of the Past Presidents met for the first time. Their valuable experience should bring constructive suggestions to the Associations.

Lura Currier, as speaker at the Friday dinner, in her own special way, made us laugh at ourselves as well as do a little self-analysis — both of which are healthful processes.

Anauta, the Eskimo author, almost

ALTA PARKS
President, ILA

missed the last luncheon (we thought she was lost in a blizzard), but she arrived in time to delight us with accounts of her life on Baffin Island and her problems since coming to live in Indianapolis.

Business meetings brought out a new dues scale for 1958 (printed in this issue) and a need for some redistricting, particularly in north and central Indiana. Other recommendations were that a plan for state aid be studied; that the schools be invited to join with the public libraries in requesting a legislative commission to study the library needs of the state in order better to plan future library programs; that a committee be appointed to study the possibility of regional libraries in Indiana; that the "lease rental" method for construction of library buildings be studied. Action to employ an Executive Secretary was tabled for this year.

Standards as presented were accepted as a *guide* for libraries. The constitutional revision to allow voting by mail will be

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WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

First General Session

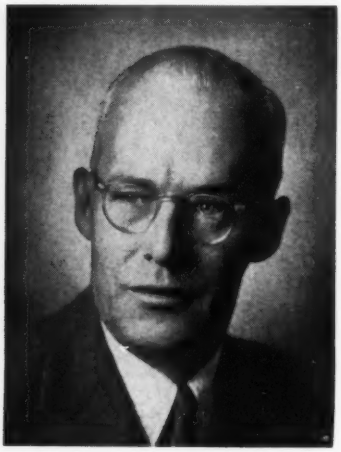
A true "work conference" of the ILA-ILTA was opened October 17 at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel in Indianapolis by Mrs. Dorothy Lykins, ILTA President. Presiding over the First General Session of the 66th ILA and the 49th ILTA annual conference, she presented the theme as a study of the questions: "Where do we want to go? Are we organized to get there?"

Stillman Taylor, ILA President, pointing out that before starting anywhere it is good to know where one has come from, reviewed ILA history and the recurrence of similar problems through the years. He explained that the objectives of ILA are determined in part by the Executive Board and committees, but final action on their recommendations rests with the membership. Looking to the future, he felt that a paid treasurer, a second director-at-large, and a part-time executive secretary would strengthen ILA administration. In closing, he warned that a divided association cannot serve the best interests of all its members.

Mrs. Lykins introduced Miss Martha Reynolds, who was to serve as moderator for the discussion groups, and she in turn set out the procedure for the following work sessions and introduced these questions to be taken up: 1) What are the functions of ILA and ILTA? 2) What are the advantages and disadvantages of combining ILA and ILTA? 3) How well do the Boards and committees represent the thinking of the membership? 4) What prevents more active participation of members? 5) What should be the role of the State Library?

Dividing into 14 groups, each with a discussion leader, assistant, and recorder, the assembly freely discussed the topics under consideration.

1957-58 ILA OFFICERS



ROGER B. FRANCIS
Vice-President and President-Elect

JOHN MAY
Secretary

ARE WE ORGANIZED TO GET THERE?

Second General Session

Martha Reynolds presided as leader of a panel composed of Robert McClarren, Paul Henderson, Carolyn Whitenack, Roger Francis, and Mae Konkle. Having served as recorders in the earlier discussion groups, they presented reports on the five questions. Below are a few of the ideas presented:

1. Most agreed that trustees and librarians have common interests in their communities and libraries, with trustees generally more concerned with public relations than with work procedures.
2. It was generally felt that a merger of ILA-ILTA was not a solution because of resultant loss of identity for trustees, and general loss of touch with local problems in an enlarged organization.
3. Some thought it impossible to have really effective representation, but there were suggestions for a council elected on a district basis (with smaller districts), a double slate of officers, and some changes in State Library committee representation.
4. Cost, distance, lack of time, interest and self-confidence prevent participation by many members.
5. The role of the State Library is leadership, guidance, resource for personnel, books, and materials. A paid executive secretary was suggested as a possible alternative to the State Library's present role on numerous committees.

Fourth General Session

Final consideration of the Conference theme was presented in a joint session of ILA-ILTA, October 19, with Mrs. Dorothy Lykins presiding. A panel composed of Mary Holmes, Mrs. Samuel

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1957-58 ILA OFFICERS

MRS. KATHRYN NICHOLAS
Treasurer

GEORGE CURTIS
Director-at-Large

Clifford, Mrs. John Lillich, and Harold Sander, moderated by Mrs. Harriet Bard, presented observations and recommendations based on the previous discussions.

Method of presentation was rated as good. Small discussion groups tend to break down barriers and allow free expression of opinion. The most obvious need is for better communication on a two-way basis. Confidence in the State Library was expressed by such a large portion of the memberships that it is evident the main problem is lack of proper information.

ILA BUSINESS SESSION

The annual business meeting of the Indiana Library Association was held October 18, with Stillman Taylor presiding. The printed committee reports were distributed and it was taken by consent to accept them (reprinted in this issue). Mrs. Dorothy Jones, Treasurer, reported a current membership of 734, including 32 life members.

It was announced that the Recruitment Committee has a new chairman, Larry Downey, Indianapolis, to replace Oswald Joerg, who has moved out of the state.

Scholarship and Loan Committee reported the resignation of Amanda Browning from that committee. Also reported was receipt of $25.00 from the Terre Haute Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library Staff Association.

Margaret Rufsvold, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the 1957-58 slate of officers which was accepted by consent. (See pictures in this issue.)

Revision of the dues structure (Sec. 7 and 9, By-Laws of the Constitution) was presented and approved, with the request that a statement of need for the increase be printed in FOCUS. (It appears in this issue.)

Sections 13 and 14 of the By-Laws were also presented for revision to provide for amendment of the ILA Constitution and By-Laws by a mail vote. Since no quorum had been established for a mail vote, it was voted to return these amendments to the Constitutional Revision Committee for further study.

ILA-ILTA BUSINESS

Stillman Taylor presided at the annual joint business meeting of ILA-ILTA on October 18.

Donald Thompson, chairman of the Action Committee, introduced Edward Linkhart, who moved adoption of the Standards as a guide for Indiana librarians and trustees. They were accepted as such.

Robert Roehr, chairman of the In-Service-Education Sub-Committee reported on the workshop held in Crawfordsville. He recommended that this committee be set up as a separate and permanent committee and the Executive Board reported that such provision had been made.

Mrs. Ruth Berg, chairman of the Legislative Committee, read eight recommendations proposed for consideration on the agenda of the next Legislative Committee. After considerable discussion and some revision, seven of the proposals were voted on favorably. The recommendation to consider employment of an executive secretary was postponed indefinitely.

The 1958 annual ILA-ILTA conference was announced for November 6-8, in French Lick. The 1959 meetings will again be at the Sheraton-Lincoln in Indianapolis.

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re-worded and presented at the 1958 conference.

Our personal thanks to all who took part — to everyone at the conference, to the planners and to Bob Smith, who saw his training skills demonstrated, and to those who have volunteered for work this year. The invitation is still open. If you are willing to take a committee assignment, tell me your interests and availability. It is in this way only that we can be truly representative. We can't know all of you personally, but you know whom to contact. The door is always open. Come on in!

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NEW DUES STRUCTURE

An increase in ILA dues approved at the October 18 business meeting will add approximately 50% to the treasury and will make possible some of the following programs for which a need has long been felt:

1. Allowance for more than one expense paid meeting a year for committees.
2. Creation of new committees for expansion of activities.
3. Expansion of recruitment program.
4. Expansion of In-Service-Education Committee's program.
5. Increase of direct mailings to members.
6. Future increase for the Scholarship and Loan Fund.
7. Increase in size of FOCUS to provide more news and information to the membership on Association activities.
8. Possibility of making future plans for a paid official to handle the Association's affairs.

As was brought out in many of the discussions, communication is the one large need, and many of the above points reflect that thinking.

The new dues structure as adopted:

Student Membership	$ 2.00 annually
Retired Membership	2.00 annually
Non-Professional Members	3.00 annually
Dues based on salary:	
Salary under $1,500	2.00 annually
1,500 to 2,499	3.00 annually
2,500 to 3,499	4.00 annually
3,500 to 4,999	5.00 annually
5,000 to 7,499	6.00 annually
7,500 to 9,000	7.00 annually
10,000 and over	10.00 annually

Free Life Membership — granted to those who have reached age 65, and who have given 30 years of library service.

Life Membership — any member may become a life member exempt from annual dues by paying $50.00.

JUNIOR MEMBERS ROUND TABLE

Twenty-seven "junior members" met at the new "cafe des jeunes" (Parlor L, Sheraton-Lincoln) October 17 for a coke party and business meeting. Making a comparison between the Junior Members Round Table of ILA and that of A.L.A., it was noted that the national group has a definite organization, complete with constitution, by-laws, and statement of purposes. Members present indicated an interest in making the ILA group more meaningful after its place has been determined in the light of ILA's re-evaluation.

Officers elected for 1957-58 are: Chairman, Miss Helen Dunlop, Indianapolis, and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Jeanne Hardendorff, Muncie.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ROUND TABLE

The Children's and Young People's Round Table held a luncheon and business meeting October 18. Mrs. Jeanne Hardendorff, Muncie Public Library, was elected Chairman, and Miss Dorothy Lawson, Holladay Memorial Branch, Indianapolis, was elected Recorder and Chairman-Elect. It was decided to have the group concentrate on one area of interest this year, and the Chairman and Recorder were instructed to investigate the possibilities of conducting a workshop on storytelling next Spring.

Following the business meeting, Mr. Morton Fabian of the West Lafayette Public Schools spoke on the subject, "Books and Rocks, from Plymouth to Little."

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS

A luncheon meeting of the College and University Librarians was held October 18. At the business meeting Father Charles Banet, librarian of St. Joseph's College, was elected Secretary and Chairman-Elect. The 1957-58 Chairman is Donald A. Thompson, Wabash College, succeeding Samuel J. Marino, Indiana State Teachers College.

A panel consisting of Carson Bennett, Father Banet, Robert Agard, and Donald Thompson, with John Moriarty as moderator, discussed improvement of efficiency of the small college library.

TRUSTEE LUNCHEON

Mrs. Dorothy Lykins presided at the ILTA luncheon held in the Travertine Room on October 18. Mr. Carl Luginbill, ILTA President-Elect, introduced the speaker, Dr. C. D. W. Thornton, director of research and development of the Farnsworth Electronics Company of Fort Wayne.

During the past 17 years Dr. Thornton has held key positions in the research field and prior to joining Farnsworth in 1956 he was Chief of the Office of Operations Analysis and Planning for the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission. In this position he was responsible for the AEC's long-range planning for both industrial and military programs. Choosing as his subject, "The Responsibilities in the Atomic Energy Education of the Public," Dr. Thornton brought to the group his wealth of knowledge and experience as he presented his position on such topics as the nuclear weapons race, the American demand for luxury living, and our need for competence in the satellite missile field. "Modern responsible living requires study, meditation, and the best efforts of our educators," he stated. "I feel more of us must get opinions on these issues." As for the librarians' responsibilities, he believes they can assist more citizens in arriving at personal positions by having a clearer understanding, themselves, of many of the issues. They can also arouse scientific interest among the youth and thus aid in producing new scientists and engineers.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES LUNCHEON

The luncheon of the Special Libraries Association was held in the Warren Hotel on October 18, with sixty-five members and guests in attendance. Dr. Irvin Ehrenpreis, Associate Professor of English at Indiana University, talked on the subject, "An American Reader in British Research Libraries." Dr. Ehrenpreis has spent five out of the last ten years in England and Ireland doing research on the life and work of Jonathan Swift. In his talk he told of some of his more unusual and humorous experiences and discussed the strong points and weaknesses of British libraries and librarians in comparison with their American counterparts.

ALA HEADQUARTERS UNCHANGED

Members of the American Library Association have voted 5,749 to 2,199 to set aside Council action for moving the Headquarters out of Chicago.

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CONFERENCE BANQUET

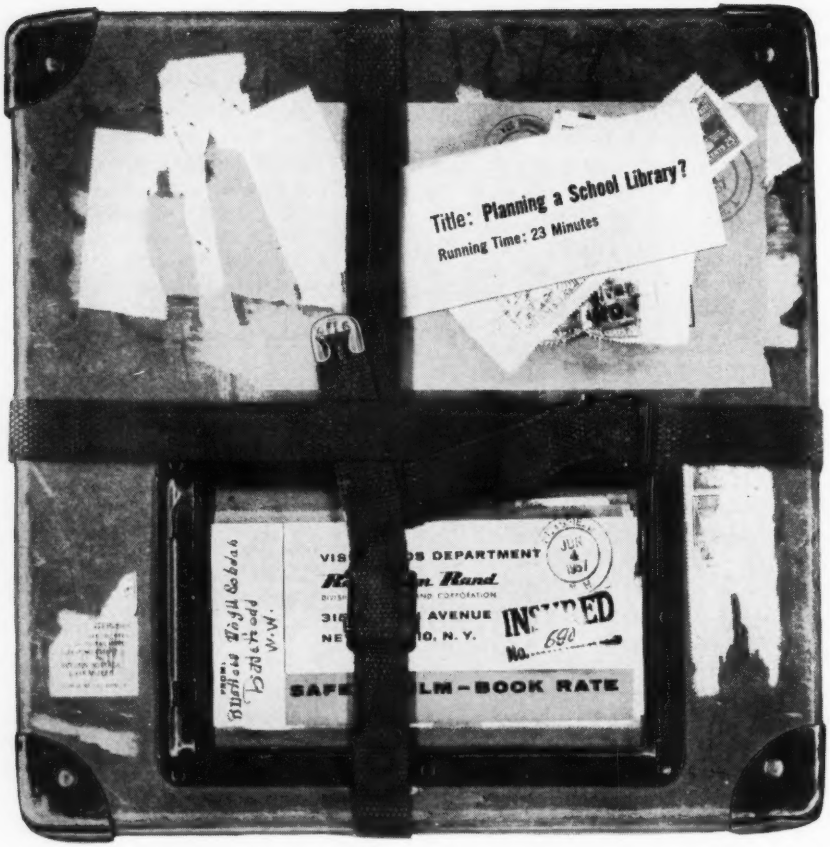
Highlighting the conference was the banquet held in the Travertine Room October 18. Eleanor Ferguson, Executive Secretary of the Public Libraries Division of A.L.A., brought greetings from Headquarters and news of nation-wide publicity for 1958 National Library Week.

Miss Lucile Williams, Chairman of the Trustee Citation Committee, presented the ILA Trustee Citation to Mrs. Dorothy Lykins, trustee of the Covington Public Library and President of ILTA.

Mrs. Albert Ferris, Chairman of the Librarian Award Committee, presented to Mrs. Eleanor Morris, Cambridge City Librarian, the ILTA Librarian's Award.

Miss Inez Paul, Chairman of Scholarship and Loan, announced the Modern Bindery's $100 Scholarship to Barbara Weaver of Millersburg, who is doing graduate study at Carnegie Library School.

Mrs. Lura Currier, Director of the Mississippi State Library Commission, chief speaker of the evening, was introduced by Donald Thompson. Choosing as her topic, "The Collusion of the Conjunctions; or The If's, And's and But's of Library Development," Mrs. Currier began by describing herself and her work in her well-known humorous style. Calling librarianship "a many splintered thing with the chips falling off in all directions," she then outlined some of the "if's, and's and but's" she has encountered in her extension and regional projects. Most excuses given are not valid ones, she argued, and problems are not different as long as people are people. It is a much harder and longer way to go all alone than it is with others with similar problems, so why be afraid to plan with your neighbors and your state agency?



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ILA COMMITTEES
ARCHIVES

The Archives Committee received and filed the correspondence and records of the Association for the year 1954-55 and many reports for 1955-56. A number of earlier records were also placed with the Association Archives in the State Library. During the past year the committee sorted and discarded some correspondence of the years 1952 through 1954. No items have been discarded from the more recent correspondence, inasmuch as the committee feels it should be left intact in case it should be needed for reference.

CAROLYNNE WENDEL
HAZEL W. HOPPER, *Chairman*

FEDERAL RELATIONS

The Federal Relations Committee has no report to submit.

HAROLD SANDER
MAXINE BATMAN
RALPH VAN HANDEL
ROGER FRANCIS
MRS. ALMA ZANGER
ROBERT ROEHR
DELLA TILMAN
MRS. HARRIET E. BARD, *Chairman*

FOCUS

February marked the last issue of FOCUS printed under the editorship of Barbara Franz, who had worked so diligently for the past three years, and under whose leadership it has "grown up" in many ways. Her continued interest and guidance have been deeply appreciated by the present editor. Another change was made when it was decided that the ILA Treasurer would be in the best position to serve as Circulation Manager, and Dorothy Jones assumed those added duties for 1957.

A thorough revision of the membership mailing list has provided a more accurate measure of needed copies so that a savings in printing costs should result. A financial statement will be included as before in the Treasurer's annual report.

MRS. DOROTHY JONES
SAMUEL J. MARINO
KATHERINE MOHLER, *Editor*

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

Censorship of adult reading in Indiana public libraries by local groups and individuals is properly the concern of the Intellectual Freedom Committee. No problems of this kind came to the attention of the Committee during the year.

As an official body of the ILA, however, the Committee stood ready to marshal assistance and resources on a state-wide scale if appealed to in any local situation.

ALICE ANN TRUEBLOOD
ROGER B. FRANCIS
EDWARD B. HAYWARD, *Chairman*

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee of 1957 carried on in much the same way as the Committee for the previous year. Due to the use of the new system of forms for collection and records of dues the District Chairmen concentrated their efforts at the District Meetings on receiving new memberships. Several new memberships as well as a number of renewals were taken by

our ILA representative at the Indiana School Librarians' Conference.

The need was expressed by the District Chairmen for an accurate list of members by District. With the assistance of Mrs. Dorothy Jones, ILA Treasurer, the Committee compiled such a list arranging the libraries alphabetically and the names of members in each library in alphabetical order. A figure "7" was placed after the names of all paid members as of April 10, 1957. At the District Meetings the chairmen revised the lists by adding the memberships received. These lists will be turned over to the 1958 Committee.

The Committee recommends that a list be compiled of the library personnel who are not members of ILA, including the staffs of all types of libraries in the state. It is from such a list that new memberships can be encouraged through personal letters and contacts.

The Committee wishes to thank Mrs. Jones for her fine assistance throughout the year, and especially in compiling the District lists.

We also express our thanks to Mr. Taylor for his interest and suggestions to the Committee.

Mrs. Alma Zanger
Justine Stalcup
Ethel Richardson
Mrs. Ethel Albright
Mildred Rettig
Mrs. Margaret Kalb
Mrs. Louise Campbell, *Chairman*

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations Committee worked with the Legislative Committee this year by providing a folder of informative materials for the legislator's desk, providing suggestion sheets to the ILA-ILTA membership on methods of working with legislators, by participation in the hearings, and by letters, phone-calls and telegrams to legislators.

News releases were prepared for Indiana Library Week and were distributed to the libraries throughout the state with the EXTENSION DIVISION LETTER.

Sample news stories, spot announcements and other radio publicity ideas were prepared and distributed by the Extension Division.

Releases for the October conference of ILA-ILTA have been prepared for distribution by the Extension Division.

Jasper Wright
Bertha Heller
Ina Shaw
Audrey Haworth
Maxine Batman
Phil Hamilton
Leon Jones, *Chairman*

RECRUITMENT

The Recruitment Committee was formed rather late in the year and the members found it possible to get together only once. The Committee reviewed recruitment materials on hand and set about to outline the future needs and goals of the committee and to set down suggestions for future action.

The committee outlined nine needs, six goals, and five suggestions for action which will be submitted to the ILA Board for consideration since some of the proposals will need financial assistance.

Katherine Barnett
Larry Downey
Robert McClarren
Hazel Warren
Oswald H. Joerg, *Chairman*

SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN FUND

Financial report for September 10, 1956, to September 1, 1957:

Balance on hand, Sept. 10, 1956		$3,109.23
Receipts		
Modern Binding Corp...	$100.00	
ILA-ILTA dues	551.00	
Payment on loan	80.75	
Staff Association contributions	185.00	
Bank interest	30.37	
Total receipts		$ 947.12
Expenses		
Loans	$500.00	
Scholarships	975.00	
Printing	29.45	
Postage and supplies	1.75	
Total expenses		$1,506.20
Balance on hand, Sept. 1, 1957		$2,550.15

During the year 1956-57 the following scholarships were awarded:

$75.00 summer scholarships to: Miss Patricia Metzdorf, Greencastle; Mrs. Ruby Strickler, Worthington-Jefferson Township Library; Mrs. Thelma Wootton, Wells Memorial Library, Lafayette; Miss Marilyn McCanon, Indianapolis Public Library; Mrs. Elaine Whitinger, Indiana State Library.

Each of the above scholarships enabled its recipient to study at Indiana University during the 1957 summer session.

$400.00 graduate scholarships were awarded to: Miss Barbara Weaver, Millersburg, to study at Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh, 1957-58; Mr. Virgil C. Lutes, Gary Public Library, to study at Indiana University in 1958.

Two of the $75.00 summer scholarships were made possible by contributions from staff associations in these Indiana libraries: Indianapolis Public Library, Evansville Public Library, Indiana State Library, and the South Bend Public Library. There was also a personal contribution to this fund from Miss Pearl Thompson of South Bend. A total of $185.00 was received into this staff fund. The Staff Association Scholarships were those awarded to Miss Marilyn McCanon and to Mrs. Elaine Whitinger.

A $500.00 loan was made to Miss Antonia Fodor, who studied at Indiana University the past year.

After discussion by the Committee at its May 3, 1957, meeting, the advisability of lowering the $2500.00 minimum maintained in the loan fund was brought before the ILA-ILTA Executive Board, who voted to lower the minimum to $1500.00. The committee discussed the interpretation of the phrase "I will agree . . . to repay it as a loan . . . in case I am not employed in Indiana for one year after completion of my training," – point 19 of the scholarship application. It went on record as agreeing that the phrase shall be construed to mean "one year immediately after the completion of my training."

HAROLD F. BRIGHAM
AMANDA BROWNING
INEZ PAUL
STILLMAN TAYLOR
MAXINE BATMAN, *Chairman*

ILA-ILTA JOINT COMMITTEES ACTION

The committee held three meetings during 1957 with a fourth one scheduled after this report is written. The work of the committee is summarized below.

Standards

The sub-committee on standards was continued with Edward Linkhart as chairman. A tentative draft of the standards was completed and mailed to librarians and trustees before the dis-

trict meetings for use as the main topic of discussion at these meetings. Suggestions received were considered and some were incorporated into the final draft completed in July. Copies of the report are being mailed to members of ILA and ILTA. This standards report will be presented at the annual conference and a vote taken to see if the report will be officially adopted by ILA-ILTA.

In-Service Education

A sub-committee on in-service education was appointed with Elizabeth Hesser as chairman. When Miss Hesser left the state several months ago, Robert Roehr was appointed chairman. An interim report was completed early in the winter. At a meeting in July the committee revised a questionnaire which will be distributed throughout the state. The committee hopes to have a final report ready late in 1957. On September 11, the Western Indiana Librarians Conference in cooperation with the In-Service Education Sub-Committee of the Action Committee sponsored an In-Service Education Workshop at Wabash College.

Federal Library Program

The committee worked with the State Library on plans to use funds for federal aid to libraries. The committee cooperated in preparing suggested state legislation to help in the use of federal funds. After the legislation failed, the committee reviewed alternate proposals for the use of federal funds under the limited authorization in existing law and approved in principle a revised state plan. Work was temporarly dropped when Governor Handley announced that Indiana would not participate in the federal library aid program.

General

In January, 1956, a summary was prepared of the work of the Library Action Committee from its origin in 1948 through 1955, containing a list and description of all projects considered and the status of each. The committee has studied this summary and will re-evaluate it in terms of each item. The committee has also been studyin- its purposes, objectives, and the status of its membership.

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Mrs. John Lillich
Jethro Meek

librarians

Mary Evelyn Guinn
Jeanette Morrow Lane
Robert McClarren
Lucile Williams
Donald E. Thompson, *Chairman*

plus ex officio members

DISTRICT MEETINGS

"Horizons Unlimited" was the theme chosen by the Planning Committee for 1957 District Meetings.

Group discussion on Proposed Standards for Indiana Libraries, with Ed Linkhart of New Castle as leader, made up the morning session for all districts.

"New Horizons in Books" was the challenging subject used by Mrs. Harriet Bard of Richmond at several of the meetings.

Members of the Library Action Committee also reported on Indiana's plan for use of federal funds. At later meetings, Harold Brigham, State Librarian, reported on Governor Handley's refusal to permit Indiana to accept such funds, and he pointed the way toward improved library service for the state.

District I met in Plymouth on May 8. Attendance 193.

District II. Eckhart Public Library, Auburn, was host on May 10. Mrs. Jay Morris, Hudson, Indiana, former exchange student, talked of her "Life in Norway." Attendance 100.

District III. Thorntown High School provided space for the host library of Thorntown on April 26. Music by high school students. Attendance 98.

District IV. Muncie Public Library entertained on May 6. Ernest Marshall, Modern Binding Corporation, spoke on "Our Point of Departure." Attendance 175.

District V. Clifford Memorial Library of Evansville College provided quarters, with Evansville Public Library as host. Attendance 90.

District VI. Seymour Public Library welcomed District VI. Panel: "What is ahead for Southeastern Indiana?" Attendance 86.

Business meetings for librarians and trustees at all sessions served for reports and election of officers.

RALPH A. VAN HANDEL *I*
KATHYRN SMITH *II*
LILLIAN CRAIG *III*
MARY BISHOP *IV*
HERBERT GOLDHOR *V*
ROBERT ROEHR *VI*
CARL LUGENBILL, *Coordinator, I.L.T.A.*
ALTA PARKS, *Coordinator, I.L.A.*

LEGISLATIVE

A detailed report on the Legislative program was printed in the May, 1957 issue of FOCUS.

Legislation for Indiana libraries introduced in this session of the General Assembly died on the vine, a tender little thing of great promise.

Ravaged by small children and careless conservationists, the victim was caught in a rebellion of misunderstanding and untruths. Beaten and assailed, the bruised and battered body was scarcely recognizable. It was identified and claimed by a loving family and quietly interred at Indianapolis the end of February, 1957.

Left to mourn its great hopes and great expectations in this untimely demise, are its sponsors the ILA and ILTA, its guardians, the legislative committee, and a host of good friends of the library.

The family will hold a wake for friends and mourners at the annual meeting of ILA and ILTA at Indianapolis in October, 1957 to which the general membership is invited.

HB 174 — Library Study Commission; SB 189 — Regional Library Law; and SB 235 — Amendments to the State Library Law, were all lost in committee.

SB 147 — Amendments to the 1947 Library Law. This simple technical amendment to make the library law conform to general law was defeated on third reading. Arguments presented at that time put the small libraries on record as opposing all ILA and ILTA legislation.

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ALA COUNCILOR

It was my privilege to serve as ILA Councilor to ALA. My term closed with the 1957 Conference. The new representative to ALA is Roger B. Francis, Librarian of the South Bend Public Library. It was my opportunity to sit in on the discussions in Council that led to the adoption of the new public library standards and the reorganization of ALA. These were important events in Association history. It was a pleasure to take part in such events and I hope I adequately represented Indiana during this period.

GEORGE A. CURTIS

PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Indiana Library Association through its officers and committees has met a number of challenges to libraries during the 1956-57 year. As President of this Association, I wish to thank the members of the Executive Board and chairmen and members of the various committees of ILA for the fine spirit of cooperation which they have demonstrated in working together to study and plan Association activities of these committees. The numerous projects of these committees are barely indicated by the reports printed in this annual report to the membership. No report can indicate the number of hours spent by members of ILA committees and certainly not of the two joint committees: the ILA-ILTA Legislative Committee and the ILA-ILTA Action Committee.

As President, I have attended all ILA Board meetings as well as meetings of the ILA-ILTA Legislative Committees, ILA-ILTA Action Committee and the Scholarship and Loan Fund Committee. I particularly wish to express my appreciation to these three committees for the fine work done by them under their respective chairmen: Mrs. Samuel Berg, Mr. Donald Thompson and Miss Maxine Batman.

Although the association was unable to secure passage of the legislative program adopted by the Association, the officers and members of the Legislative Committee gained valuable experience in working with legislators on the Association's legislative program.

The Library Action Committee's subcommittee on Standards, under the chairmanship of Mr. Edward Linkhart, accomplished a tremendous job in adapting the A.L.A. Standards to Indiana. The ILA Organization Manual was completed by Miss Marcelle Foote and mailed out to all committee chairmen and Board Members for study and comment. The Executive Board hopes the manual may soon be available for each member of the Association.

The various committees of ILA have been studying their structure, duties and representation with a view to improving activities and broadening representation. Many of the recommended changes in committee structure are still being studied. It is with these changes in mind that the ILA Board requested a constitutional and by-laws revision enabling the Association to change the constitution and by-laws by a mail vote.

I was unable to attend A.L.A. Midwinter due to the need to be in Indianapolis with members of the Legislative Committee. Nor did I attend more than the Pre-Conference of A.L.A.'s Kansas City meeting. The Association was represented, through me, on the Steering Committee of the Governor's Conference on Education Beyond the High School.

The Vice-President of ILA, Miss Alta Parks, was responsible for the overall planning of both the District Meetings and the Annual Conference. I am sure she joins me in thanking all the members of both ILA and ILTA who assisted in the planning and execution of both meetings.

Although we have had the usual turn-over in committee organization we have been able to fill vacancies without too much difficulty. I am sure the membership would agree with me when I say that the benefits of working for ILA far outweigh the hours one is asked to be away from one's job. There are real gratifications to be gained from the stimulation of a series of committee meetings as well as the privilege of getting better acquainted with Indiana libraries.

National Library Week is set for March 16-22, 1958. This cooperative undertaking of newspaper, magazine and book publishers is a new communications industry program to promote reading and to increase the demand for the printed word. Theme of this joint effort, under the auspices of the American Library Association and the National Book Committee, is "Wake Up and Read!" Miss Alta Parks is chairman for Indiana; Mr. Harold Brigham and Mr. Donald Thompson are serving on her committee. March 16-22, 1958, will be important dates for librarians and an excellent opportunity for all of us to stress local library activities and tie into this national program. Plans for Indiana will initiate with the ILA-ILTA Action Committee.

The loss of the Association's program in conjunction with the Library Services Act was a real disappointment to many librarians in Indiana. The real challenge that lies ahead for Indiana librarians and trustees is to put the plans into action in spite of Indiana's lack of participation in the Federal program. If it is true that Indiana needs no outside assistance, then it remains for all of us to work toward some local, regional, or state plan which will do the many things which we have said we want to accomplish.

STILLMAN K. TAYLOR, *President, ILA*

INDIANA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

During the past year the Executive Board and members of the Indiana Library Trustees Association have worked with the Executive Board and members of the Indiana Library Association to secure better library service for the people of Indiana and to inform the people of the variety of services vailable in the modern public library.

As a part of the American Library Association and the American Association of Library Trustees, ILTA has helped promote more adequate library service everywhere.

The programs of the Legislative and Action Committee have been foremost on the agenda of ILTA.

The joint Legislative Committee, headed by Mrs. Samuel Berg of Gary, a trustee, worked long and diligently. The ILTA board and members attend-

ed hearings at the State Legislature and contacted legislators. The fact that the proposed library program failed to pass casts no reflection whatsoever on the efficient work of the committee.

In recent months the joint Action Committee, with its comprehensive program, has concentrated chiefly on the proposals of the joint sub-committee on Standards. The proposed standards will be put to vote at the 1957 ILA-ILTA state conference.

A committee composed of Mrs. A. H. Moeller, Mrs. Robert O. Bertsch, and Mrs. Furel R. Burns, has prepared revisions of the ILTA by-laws to be presented for vote at the 1957 conference. Copies of the proposed revisions were sent to each Indiana library board and each individual ILTA member.

Your President and Mrs. Robert O. Bertsch, director and past president, ILTA, attended the mid-winter workshop for librarians and trustees, held at Indiana University under direction of Dr. Robert Smith, field consultant for the Bureau of Community Services in Adult Education.

The ILTA board has voted to sponsor jointly with the Bureau a regional discussion series for library trustees to be held in the winter or spring of 1958 at a place to be determined later. If successful, similar series will be held in other regions of the state with Dr. Smith's direction.

In June, 1957, ILTA co-sponsored with ILA three budget workshops for librarians and trustees, held in various parts of the state. The State Board of Accounts, State Tax Commission and State Library cooperated in conducting the workshop which those attending found helpful and practical.

Stillman Taylor, ILA President, and I met with Miss Esther Cooper, president of the Small Libraries Group and Mrs. E. L. Welsch, a group official, to discuss the relation of the group to ILA and ILTA and other group problems.

The six joint ILA-ILTA district conferences last spring were well attended both by librarions and trustees. "Standards" was the main program topic for all six meetings. Discussion was lively and much interest was manifest.

Your president thoroughly enjoyed the conferences attended and visits to various libraries, large and small, en route.

Attendance at A.L.A. and A.A.L.T. national meetings at Kansas City in June was an educational and enjoyable experience, especially for a new ILTA president.

ILTA is honored in having Mrs. Samuel Berg, Gary trustee, as secretary of A.A.L.T.

In closing this report of my first year as president of ILTA I wish to thank each board and committee member and each trustee who has helped to promote the program of the organization. I appreciate, too, the cooperation of the staff of the State Library and of ILA officials and the much-needed guidance of my predecessor in office, Mrs. Robert O. Bertsch.

It is my hope that this year's plans may become next year's accomplishments.

MRS. W. H. LYKINS, *President, ILTA*

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